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प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the Ministry of Textiles is organizing a one-day workshop for felicitating women who have achieved excellence in productivity, quality and adoption of innovative practices in the field of sericulture.

I hope this initiative will encourage the sericulture sector to become truly world-class, and enable India to attain self-sufficiency in production of silk yarn.

I congratulate the women achievers for their outstanding work.

(Narendra Modi)

New Delhi
6 September, 2014

Message

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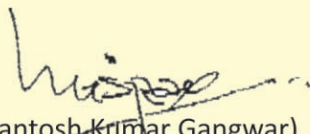
MESSAGE

It is heartening to note that our Ministry is organizing a Workshop on "Empowering Women through Sericulture", at New Delhi on 17th September 2014.

Sericulture and silk industry in India contribute to livelihood opportunities to a large number of people in rural India especially women. Historically, women have played an important role in sericulture, thereby raising their dignity and esteem. Through sericulture, they have contributed to the welfare of their families in particular and society at large.

The Workshop is aimed to honour women achievers and recognise their contribution to the development of sericulture. I hope that the Workshop would provide a valuable forum for exchange of experiences, creative ideas and innovative concepts.

I extend my warm greetings to the organizers of the Workshop and wish the deliberations all success.


(Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

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MESSAGE

Because of its unique features like luster, tensile strength, dye absorbing capacity etc., silk is known as the "Queen of Textiles". Notwithstanding its size in the textile basket, silk continues to have its importance in the textile industry as a niche product. Further, special features of sericulture like low capital investment, labour-intensive nature, flexibility for undertaking the operation along with other household chores have special significance in the context of making the development process inclusive in general and welfare of the women and those belonging to Scheduled Tribe and other disadvantaged segments of the society in particular.

In the above background and in line with the call given by the Hon'ble Prime Minister "Sabke Saath Sabka Vikas" for making development process participatory and inclusive, Ministry of Textiles has taken a noble initiative of honouring our sisters for their outstanding work in production, productivity and adoption of innovative practices in sericulture in different parts of the country. We are confident that this recognition and felicitation would encourage our sisters to take Indian sericulture industry to greater heights in production of quality silk yarn and fabrics and evolving "Made in India brand" in silk fabrics in the coming years.

I would like to congratulate all our sisters, who are being felicitated on this occasion.


(S.K. Panda)

Message



Woman Achievers in Sericulture 2014 - At a Glance

Sl.No.	State	Name	Sector
1	Andhra Pradesh	Smt. T. Jayalakshmi Smt. P. Nagamani	Mulberry Rearer Mulberry Reeler
2	Arunachal Pradesh	Smt. Natil Jonnom Smt. Taba Yekhi	Muga Rearer Eri Rearer
3	Assam	Smt. Kanika Rabha Smt. Archana Kalita	Muga Graineur Muga Reeler
4	BTC (Assam)	Smt. Punya Daimari Smt. Mugashree Hainari	Eri Rearer Eri Spinner
5	Bihar	Smt. Sabitri Devi Smt. Zamila Bibi	Mulberry Rearer Tasar Reeler
6	Chhattisgarh	Ms. Sumati Sa Smt. Sevati Nishad	Tasar Reeler Tasar Reeler
7	Haryana	Smt. Manjeet Kour Smt. Daljeet Kaur	Mulberry Rearer Mulberry Rearer
8	Himachal Pradesh	Smt. Raksha Devi Smt. Meena Devi	Mulberry Rearer Mulberry Rearer
9	Jammu & Kashmir	Smt. Makhna Devi Smt. Ulfata Rashid	Mulberry Rearer Mulberry Rearer
10	Jharkhand	Ms. Manju Bankira Smt. Sakuntala Pradhan	Tasar Graineur Tasar Reeler
11	Karnataka	Smt. C.D. Manjula Smt. K. Sharadamma	Mulberry Rearer Mulberry Rearer
12	Kerala	Smt. Perumai Smt. Mary	Mulberry Rearer Mulberry Rearer
13	Madhya Pradesh	Smt. Gangotri Smt. Ranjana	Mulberry Rearer Mulberry Reeler
14	Maharashtra	Smt. Chandrabhaga Vishnu Dhamne Smt. Mangal Santhosh Waghmare	Mulberry Rearer Mulberry CRC Owner
15	Manipur	Smt. Chinneiching Ms. Kshetrimayum Manileima	Mulberry Rearer Mulberry Reeler
16	Meghalaya	Smt. Blestina Maring Smt. Nobline M. Marak	Eri Rearer Muga Rearer
17	Mizoram	Smt. Laltanpuui Smt. F. Lawmsiami	Muga Rearer Mulberry Rearer
18	Nagaland	Smt. T. Yibeni Odyuo Smt. Catherine Jimomi	Eri Rearer Muga Rearer
19	Odisha	Smt. Drupadi Tiria Smt. Ratani Mahanta	Tasar Reeler Tasar Reeler
20	Punjab	Smt. Suman Lata Smt. Soma Devi	Mulberry Rearer Eri Rearer
21	Sikkim	Smt. Nirmala Poudel Smt. Aimit Tamang	Mulberry Rearer Mulberry Rearer
22	Tamil Nadu	Smt. S. Jayalakshmi Smt. A. Lakshmi	Mulberry Rearer Mulberry CRC Owner
23	Telengana	Smt. Racha Rajini Smt. M. Shankaramma	Mulberry Rearer Mulberry Rearer
24	Tripura	Smt. Bijali Sen Smt. Kamunistpati Rupini	Mulberry Rearer Mulberry Rearer
25	Uttar Pradesh	Ms. Dimpal Smt. Phuleswari	Mulberry Rearer Tasar Reeler
26	Uttarakhand	Smt. Kamla Devi Smt. Narmada Devi Negi	Mulberry Rearer Tasar Spinner
27	West Bengal	Smt. Rubina Khatun Smt. Minati Majhi	Mulberry Rearer Tasar Reeler

At a Glance





Women Achievers in Sericulture 2014

Profiles

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Andhra Pradesh

Women Achievers in Sericulture - Rearer

Sector - Mulberry



Smt. T. Jayalakshmi

W/o. Shri Kupendra Goud,
P.O. & Village Chinthamakulapalle,
Mandal V. Kota,
District Chittoor,
Andhra Pradesh
Mob. 09704245151
Aged 42 years
Studied upto 5th Std.

Smt. T. Jayalakshmi started sericultural activities in 1995. As a progressive rearer, she practises only bivoltine in her V1 mulberry garden of 3.5 acres with 3 x 3 ft spacing. In 2011-12, she reared 3,500 dfls in 10 crops that fetched her a net income of Rs.4,28,750. By increasing her rearing capacity to 4,850 dfls in 11 crops in 2013-14, she earned an income of Rs.5,44,600. She has achieved an average cocoon yield of 67 kg from 100 dfls. She received assistance for rearing shed, equipment, drip irrigation, new mulberry plantation under CDP and for power sprayer and brush cutter under RKVY. Also, she received training on Integrated Nutrient Management in mulberry and silkworm crop protection from CSB.

“Bivoltine sericulture has changed my life. Higher and year-round income from sericulture provided education to my children and ensured a decent living. Sericulture helped me purchase 2.5 acres of land, clear my earlier debts of Rs.3 lakh and solemnize my daughter's marriage in a grand way.”



Sector - Mulberry

Smt. P. Nagamani

W/o. Shri P. Venkatesulu,
Door No. 4-901, Shiva Nagar,
Dharmavaram,
District Ananthapuram,
Andhra Pradesh
Mob. 09985582285
Aged 28 years
Studied upto 9th Std.



Smt. P. Nagamani's family has been in silk reeling activity since 1990. Beginning with establishment of 9 charkhas, today she owns a multi-end machine of 30 basins and 1,280 spindles for twisting. She is able to reel upto 250 kg of cocoons per day converting it to about 30 kg of silk. Her income of Rs.5 lakh in the year 2011-12 increased to Rs.8 lakh in 2013-14. She received CDP assistance for multi-end reeling and twisting machinery and has been able to expand her establishment gradually.

“By practising silk reeling, I have experienced tremendous improvement in the living standards of my family. Today, my reeling establishment provides livelihood to about 30-40 families.”



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Arunachal Pradesh

Women Achievers in Sericulture - Rearer

Sector - Muga



Smt. Natil Jonnom

W/o. Shri Taging Jonnom

Village Ruksin,

P.O./P.S. Ruskin

District East Siang

Arunachal Pradesh

Mob. 09402076187

Aged 37 years

Smt. Natil Jonnom took up muga culture in 2007. She owns host plantation for muga rearing in 6.25 acres of land. She rears 1,500 layings per crop and takes 2 crops per year. The cocoon harvest of 1.58 lakh nos. during the year 2013-14 fetched her income of Rs.1.58 lakh. She received assistance for purchase of seedling, raising of plantation and start up tools under CDP, besides, receiving assistance for working shed and maintenance of plantation under RKVY. She has also started practicing Ericulture and has been provided rearing house under CDP.

“After adopting muga culture, I am now self-employed that gets me handsome income. I have also become an exemplary sericulture farmer in the district.”



Sector - Eri

Smt. Taba Yekhi

W/o. Shri Taba Taro
Village Upper Jumi-Kimin
P.O./P.S. Kimin
District Papum Pare
Arunachal Pradesh
Mob. 09402032676
Aged 37 years
Studied upto 5th Std.



Smt. Taba Yekhi took up eri culture in 2006. She owns host plantation of kesseru for eri rearing in 2 acres of land. She rears 300 dfls per crop and takes 4 crops per year. Her income from eri rearing including sale of pupae increased from Rs.1,02,800 in 2011-12 to Rs.1,94,500 in 2013-14. She received assistance for augmentation of food plantation and construction of rearing house under CDP besides, construction of vermi-compost shed and installation of drip irrigation system under RKVY scheme. She has undergone one-month training on pre and post-cocoon technologies under CDP-Beneficiary Empowerment Programme.

“Returns from ericulture activities provided me the support for my income generation in addition to other agricultural, horticultural, livestock cattle, poultry & fishery. Eri culture helped me to purchase most of the essential household articles. Besides, I purchased 12.5 acres of farm land and re-invested in sericulture.”



Women Achievers in Sericulture - Graineur

Sector - Muga



Smt. Kanika Rabha

W/o. Shri Pankaj Rabha,
Village Batakuchi,
P.O. Boko,
District Kamrup,
Assam
Mob. 09577891407
Aged 34 years
Studied upto 10th Std.

Smt. Kanika Rabha started her grainage activities in 1996. The production capacity of her grainage is 30,000 dfls per crop, and she takes four crops a year. Average quantity of seed cocoons processed/season is 1,00,000 and she is able to produce 30,000 dfls per season. Her annual income is Rs.4.10 lakh. She has undergone ISDS training in muga culture. Smt. Rabha received CDP assistance for muga private grainage, revolving fund for cocoon purchase and muga reeling machine .

“With increase in family income, I could purchase land for cultivation, grainage equipment, construct grainage building as re-investment in grainage activities. Now, I am able to afford good education for my child. Besides, muga culture has helped to elevate my living standards.”



Sector - Muga

Smt. Archana Kalita

W/o. Shri Madan Chandra Kalita,
Village Parilly,
P.O. Palashbari,
District Kamrup,
Assam
Mob. 09854817925
Aged 34 years
Studied upto HSLC



Smt. Archana Kalita took up the reeling activity in 1994. Presently, she has 15 CSTRl reeling machines and 35 traditional devices, Bhir. She is able to reel 16,500 nos. of muga cocoons per day converting it to 3.7 kg of silk on an average. Her annual income which was around Rs.3 lakh during 2011-12 increased to Rs.5 lakh in a short span of 2 years. She received CDP assistance for CSTRl Muga Reeling Machine and training under ISDS.

“Before taking up reeling activity, my family income and status was very poor. With the returns from reeling, I have been able to purchase land, essential household articles, re-invest in the reeling activity besides, constructing my own house and ensuring good education for the children. Muga reeling has changed my life style.”

Assam



Women Achievers in Sericulture - Rearer

Sector - Mulberry



Smt. Sabitri Devi
W/o. Shri Kishan Das,
Village Santoshnagar,
Block Jalalgarh,
District Purnea,
Bihar
Mob. 09934776216
Aged 46 years
Literate

Smt. Sabitri Devi started sericulture in 1987. She takes 4 crops a year in her mulberry plantation of S1 variety and rears M x B1 and M x M silkworm races. She rears 200 dfls on an average per crop with average cocoon yield of 31 kg per 100 dfls. In the last 3 years, she reared 800 dfls in 4 crops each year and got a yield of 246-250 kg per year. She availed CDP assistance for mulberry sapling, rearing tools & kit, irrigation and construction of rearing house. Smt. Sabitri Devi has undergone training in mulberry culture. She also raises mulberry saplings which provides an additional income of Rs.20-25,000 per year.

“After adopting sericulture, my financial condition has improved. I could ensure secondary school education and proper medical assistance to my children. Sericulture helped me to clear my earlier debts. Thanks to sericulture, my living standards have gone up.”



Sector - Tasar

Smt. Zamila Bibi

W/o. Shri Subhan Ansari,
Village Latua, P.O. Kurmatand,
Block Katoria,
District Banka,
Bihar
Mob. 0957290359
Aged 38 years
Literate



Smt. Zamila Bibi is practising tasar culture since 2003 on Asan plantation in the forest area and rearing bivoltine. She is taking 1 crop a year with an average of 600 dfls per crop. During the year 2011-12, she harvested 36,200 tasar cocoons which fetched a net income of Rs.57,920. In 2012-13, she could harvest 40,800 cocoons and received an income of Rs.73,440. Her performance in 2013-14 was impressive with harvest of 42,600 cocoons from 600 dfls which resulted in an attractive income of Rs.1,07,352. She has undergone training in tasar culture .

“After adopting tasar culture, my life style has changed. I could establish a grocery shop and a poultry in 2012 and clear earlier debt of Rs.50,000. I arranged my daughter's marriage with the income from tasar culture. It also helped me to purchase motor cycle, fan and provide good education to my son.”

Bihar





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Sector - Eri



Smt. Punya Daimari

W/o. Shri Daniel Daimari,
Village Bhurachuburi,
P.O. Sastrapara,
P.S. Udalguri, District Udalguri,
BTAD, Assam
Mob. 09707187823
Aged 48 years
Studied upto 8th std.

Smt. Punya Daimari is practising ericulture since 20 years. She has 2.5 acres of land under ericulture. She takes 8 crops a year and rears 100 dfis per crop. With an average cocoon shell yield of 10 kg per 100 dfis, her average income per year ranges from Rs.1.44 lakh to 1.81 lakh. In 2011-12, she harvested 80 kg cocoon shells and 480 kg pupae which fetched her income of Rs.1.44 lakh. She could improve her performance in 2013-14 by rearing 1000 dfis to harvest 100 kg cocoon shells and 590 kg pupae to get highest income of Rs.1.81 lakh. She has undergone training on ericulture, accounts keeping of self-help group, post-cocoon technologies etc. She availed assistance under CDP for augmentation of eri food plants, construction of rearing home and support under Tribal Sub Plan.

“With the income from ericulture, I provided education to my children, constructed a house and cleared my debts. I purchased agricultural land, equipment, pedal-cum-motorized spinning machine and also some essential household items. Thanks to ericulture, I could invest in LIC and Postal Recurring Deposit.”

Sector - Eri

Smt. Mugashree Hainari
W/o. Lt. Shri Maheswar Hainari,
Village Simaluguri,
P.O. Geruabazar, P.S. Dalgaon,
District Udalguri,
BTAD, Assam
Mob. 09854153437
Aged 46 years
Studied upto HSLC.



Smt. Mugashree Hainari has been carrying out eri spinning since 2005 and has 4 pedal-cum-motorized spinning machines. She is spinning an average of 1 kg of eri cocoons per day and produce 800 gm of silk. She could spin 200 kg silk in 2011-12, from 250 kg cocoons and earn Rs.2.8 lakh. In 2013-14, she made an impressive achievement of producing 240 kg silk spun from 300 kg eri cocoons and earned Rs.4.8 lakh. Smt. Hainari availed CDP assistance for pedal-cum-motorized spinning machines and under Tribal Sub Plan. She has undergone eri spinning training under CDP and HRD programme of BTC. Income from ericulture helped her to purchase agricultural land, construct spinning shed and dwelling house, besides, purchasing power tiller, jacquard loom, spinning machine and household items.

“Thanks to ericulture, I am able to realize my dreams of providing good education to my children. It has freed me from debts of moneylenders. Today, my family is employed in eri spinning and weaving. I have plans to open an outlet for my own eri silk products in Guwahati.”

Sector - Tasar



Ms. Sumati Sa

D/o. Shri Makhanlal Sa,
Kosampali,
District Raigarh,
Chattisgarh
Mob. 09981716698
Aged 30 years
Studied upto 8th Std.

Ms. Sumati Sa is practising tasar reeling since 2008 with the help of one 4-end motorized reeling machine. She reels an average of 200 cocoons and produces 160 gm of silk per day. She works for 300 days a year and her average annual income is Rs.72,000. During 2011-12, she could earn Rs.36,000 from 36 kg of silk reeled out of 45,000 cocoons. Similarly, in 2012-13 she reeled 40 kg tasar silk from 50,000 cocoons to get an income of Rs.48,000. Ms. Sumati improved her performance in 2013-14 by reeling 48 kg silk from 60,000 cocoons which fetched her an income of Rs.72,000. Besides, the by-products fetched her an additional income of Rs.4,000-6,000. She received CDP assistance for MRTM machine and support from Chhattisgarh Sericulture Project. She has undergone training in tasar reeling.

“Thanks to tasar reeling activity, my family members are not going outside in search of employment. They are helping me in my reeling work. It has also helped me to clear my earlier debts and purchase fertilizers, seed and agricultural tools. I could also invest in insurance and purchase of gold ornaments.”

Sector - Tasar

Smt. Sevati Nishad

W/o. Shri Akur Nishad,
Kosampali,
District Raigarh,
Chhattisgarh
Mob. 09630281526
Aged 30 years
Studied upto 5th Std.



Smt. Sevati Nishad started tasar reeling in 2008. She is having one 4-end motorized reeling machine and reels 200 cocoons per day. Her daily production of silk is around 160 gm and annual income is Rs.72,000. During 2011-12, she reeled 36 kg of silk using 45,000 cocoons and earned Rs.36,000. In 2012-13, she got an income of Rs.48,000 from 40 kg tasar silk reeled from 50,000 cocoons. Ms. Sevati increased her income in 2013-14 to Rs.72,000 by reeling 48 kg silk from 60,000 cocoons. Besides, the by-products fetched her an income of Rs.4,000-6,000 per year. She has got CDP assistance for MRTM machine and support from Chhattisgarh Sericulture Project. She has undergone training in tasar reeling.

“I am happy to work independently in my own house because of tasar reeling. I could provide good education to my children and purchase motor cycle, fertilizers, seeds and agricultural tools. I saved Rs.20,000 in bank from tasar reeling.”



Women Achievers in Sericulture - Rearer

Sector - Mulberry



Smt. Manjeet Kour
W/o. Shri Prem Singh,
Village Thathar,
Tehsil Morni,
District Panchkula,
Haryana
Mob. 08053579714
Aged 36 years
Studied upto 3rd Std.

Smt. Manjeet Kour is practising sericulture since 2011. She has planted S-46 and Mundale varieties in her 1 acre mulberry garden. She is rearing bivoltine. She takes 2 crops per year and rears 50 dfls per crop. Her average cocoon yield is 46 kg per 100 dfls. In 2011-12, she harvested 44.5 kg cocoons while in 2012-13, she got an yield of 45 kg cocoons. In 2013-14, her performance was better with 48.5 kg cocoons. Smt. Kour availed assistance for mulberry plantation, rearing appliances and rearing house under CDP. She underwent training in sericulture.

“Before adopting sericulture, I was a housewife. Thanks to motivation from Horticulture Department, Govt. of Haryana, I took to sericulture in 2011. It is providing employment during off-season and has helped me to provide education to my children and purchase household goods.”



Sector - Mulberry

Smt. Daljeet Kaur

W/o. Shri Shyam Singh,
Village Jatta Majri,
Tehsil Kalka,
District Panchkula,
Haryana
Mob. 08683831818
Aged 50 years
Studied upto 8th Std.



Smt. Daljeet Kaur started sericulture in 2009 and cultivated mulberry in 1 acre of land with S-46 and Mundale varieties. She is exclusively rearing bivoltine. She takes 2 crops a year and rears 50 dfls per crop. In the last three years (2011-14), she could harvest 44, 46 and 48 kg of cocoons, respectively. Smt. Kaur availed CDP assistance for mulberry plantation, rearing house and appliances. She has also undergone training in sericulture.

“Sericulture elevated me to an entrepreneur from a housewife and provided regular employment. It has changed my life. Increased income from sericulture helped me to provide education to my children and purchase household items.”



Women Achievers in Sericulture - Rearer

Sector - Mulberry



Smt. Raksha Devi

W/o. Shri Dev Raj,
Village Jarora, P.O. Dadhol,
Tehsil Ghumarwin,
District Bilaspur,
Himachal Pradesh
Mob. 9816230787
Aged 30 years
Studied upto Matriculation

Smt. Raksha Devi has taken up sericulture since 2002. She has mulberry garden of S-146 variety in 2.5 acres. She is practicing bivoltine sericulture and takes 2 crops a year. She earned Rs.22,656 from 125 kg of cocoons harvested from 200 dfis in 2011-12. In 2014-15, her income improved to Rs.72,424 due to augmentation of mulberry plantation under MGNREGS. Smt. Raksha Devi received CDP assistance for rearing appliances and MGNREGS assistance for mulberry plantation. She has undergone training on maintenance of hygiene and disinfection during silkworm rearing under ISDS. Today, she is an active member of reeling SHG and nominated member of Cluster Promotion Committee, Ghumarwin. She is also a Lead Woman Sericulture Farmer.

“Earnings from sericulture helped my family to clear tractor loan and purchase consumer durables like television, refrigerator. I also invested on GI sheets to make shelves for silkworm rearing.”



Sector - Mulberry

Smt. Meena Devi

W/o. Shri Vijay Singh,
Village Bhalan,
P.O. Ree, Tehsil Sujampur,
District Hamirpur,
Himachal Pradesh
Mob. 09625593967
Aged 40 years
Studied upto 12th Std.



Smt. Meena Devi took up sericulture in 2007. She is having 1 acre of mulberry garden with S146 variety. She takes 2 crops per year with 60 dfls per crop. During 2011-12, she reared 100 dfls and harvested 44.10 kg cocoons. She harvested 62.25 kg cocoons from 120 dfls in 2012-13 and 54 kg cocoons from 100 dfls in 2013-14. She has constructed a rearing house from the assistance provided under CDP and undergone Kisan Nursery training under ISDS programme. She is also a leading Kisan Nursery Grower in Hamirpur district, earning an average income of Rs.52,667 from sale of mulberry saplings to MGNREGS beneficiaries, since last 3 years. She has become a Role Model for the fellow farmers.

“Income from sericulture changed my life as I could construct a new dwelling house and purchase agricultural equipment and household items. I could afford better education for my children.”



Women Achievers in Sericulture - Rearer

Sector - Mulberry



Smt. Makhna Devi

W/o. Shri Ganesh Dass,
Dhami (Jajjar Kotli),
Jammu,
Jammu & Kashmir
Mob. 09858277054
Aged 45 years
Studied under matric

Smt. Makhna Devi is practising sericulture since 10 years. She has mulberry garden in two kanals area and cultivated Chinese White, Chackmajra and S-146 varieties. During 2011-12, She harvested 30 kg cocoons from 100 dfls. She reared 150 dfls in 2012-13 and 2013-14 and harvested 55 kg and 63 kg. Smt. Makhna Devi's performance improved considerably in 2014-15 as she could so far harvest 72 kg of cocoons from 150 dfls. She has undergone refresher course training in sericulture and availed CDP assistance for mulberry plantation, rearing house and rearing kit.

“I am practising both sericulture and agriculture, but income from wheat and maize is far less as compared to what I earn from silkworm rearing in just 25 days. Sericulture helped me to improve my socio-economic condition considerably. I was able to provide good education to my children and purchase television and refrigerator.”



Sector - Mulberry

Smt. Ulfata Rashid

W/o. Shri Abdul Rashid Malik,
Village Nihalpora,
Tehsil Pattan,
District Baramulla,
Jammu & Kashmir
Mob. 09906437917
Aged 24 years
Studied upto 12th Std.



Smt. Ulfata Rashid is practising sericulture since last 6 years. She has cultivated Gosheorami and TR-10 mulberry varieties in a land holding of 3.5 kanals. She is practicing bivoltine sericulture, takes 2 crops a year and rears 150 dfls per crop. She harvested 113.94 kg of cocoons in 2011-12, which fetched an net income of Rs.21,078. In 2012-13, she earned Rs. 23,994 from 119.97 kg of cocoons, while in 2013-14 it was Rs.40,095 from 134.55 kg. She availed CDP assistance for construction of rearing house, rearing kit, 300 mulberry plants and CGI sheets. She has undergone sericulture training course under ATMA.

“Sericulture has changed my status and provided job for me and my family members within the house. Earlier, there was no avenue for livelihood especially for womenfolk in this far-flung area of Pattan zone. Income from sericulture is helping me to continue my studies. Thanks to sericulture today, me and my family are a role model in our village”



Sector - Tasar



Ms. Manju Bankira

D/o. Shri Ramsingh Bankira,
Village Maranghatu,
P.O. Kuchai, P.S. Kuchai,
District Saraikela, Kharsawan,
Jharkhand
Mob. 09693277837
Aged 23 years
Studied upto Intermediate

Ms. Manju Bankira has established tasar grainage in 2008 with a production capacity of 6,000 dfls and conducts one grainage per year. She earned Rs.51,539 in 2011-12 from 5,161 dfls. Similarly in 2012-13, she produced 6,433 dfls fetching an income of Rs.65,632 and in 2013-14, 5,550 dfls fetching an income of Rs.56,621. She availed assistance from CDP and other schemes for her grainage activities.

“Tasar culture helped me to improve the economic condition of the family and now, I am able to contribute towards household expenses. Income from tasar culture empowered us to purchase land, some household goods and clear earlier debts.”



Sector - Tasar

Smt. Sakuntala Pradhan

W/o. Shri Nitishchandra Pradhan,
Village Kudasinghi,
P.O. Amda, P.S. Kharsawan,
District Saraikela, Kharsawan,
Jharkhand
Mob. 09801139014
Aged 34 years
Studied Matriculation



Smt. Sakuntala Pradhan is practising tasar reeling since 2008. She has twin charkha and Samridhi reeling-cum-twisting machines. The average quantity of cocoons reeled per day is 250 while the average quantity of silk produced per day is 185 gram. She earned Rs.25,553 from reeling of 41 kg of silk from 79,590 cocoons in 2011-12 and Rs.26,388 from 44 kg of silk reeled from 85,650 cocoons in 2012-13. She made an impressive growth in 2013-14 by earning Rs.49,728 from 52 kg of silk reeled from 70,000 cocoons. Smt. Pradhan has undergone training in reeling.

“Tasar reeling has helped me to ensure better education to my children and contribute towards household expenses. I could clear my earlier debts and purchase reeling equipment and household goods from the income earned from tasar reeling.”



Women Achievers in Sericulture - Rearer

Sector - Mulberry



Smt. C.D. Manjula

W/o. Shri M.V. Thippareddy,
Mogalahalli,
P.O. B.G. Kere, Molakalmuru Taluk,
District Chitradurga,
Karnataka
Mob. 09740684290
Aged 40 years
Studied upto SSLC

Smt. C.D. Manjula has been practising sericulture for last 10 years. In her 2 acres of land, she has planted high yielding mulberry variety V1. She is rearing only bivoltine for better quality silk. She rears 300 dfls per crop on an average, and takes 10 crops a year. Her net income in last 2 years has increased from Rs.2.58 lakh during 2011-12 to Rs.9 lakh in 2013-14. Her average cocoon yield per 100 dfls is 72 kg and certainly sets an example. She received assistance for plantation, drip irrigation, rearing house and equipment under CDP. Besides, she also received assistance for construction of verandah, mounting hall and equipment under other schemes.

“By taking up sericulture with the technical and financial support from Department of Sericulture under CDP, our financial and social status has improved a lot and we are a happy family now! Sericulture helped me to clear earlier loan of Rs.5 lakh besides, construction of a rearing house and mounting hall. It also ensured good education for my children.”



Sector - Mulberry

Smt. K. Sharadamma
W/o. Shri K. Venkatesh,
Village Vallabhapura,
Taluk Hagaribommanahalli,
District Bellary, Karnataka
Mob. 09945012697
Aged 45 years
Studied upto 8th Std.



Smt. K. Sharadamma has been in sericulture for the last 6 years. She is rearing bivoltine only and has planted V1, a high yielding variety in 4 acres of land. She gradually increased her rearing capacity from 2050 dfls during 2011-12 to 2200 during 2013-14 and her net income reached Rs.5.77 lakh. She received financial assistance for construction of rearing house, drip irrigation and purchase of equipment under CDP, besides, subsidy for construction of mounting hall under other schemes.

“Earlier, my life has been too hard to me and it was so difficult to meet both ends in our petty business. Sericulture proved a magic wand in our life and we could clear bank debt of Rs.3 lakh, purchase cattle, dug two bore wells for irrigation and also perform marriage of our children.”



Women Achievers in Sericulture - Rearer

Sector - Mulberry



Smt. Perumai
W/o. Shri Thankavelu,
Village Puthud,
Taluk Mannarkad,
District Palakkad,
Kerala
Mob. 08547794051
Aged 43 year
Studied upto 6th Std.

Smt. Perumai entered into sericulture activities during 2005. She owns a V1 mulberry garden of 1 acre. Her focus has been on rearing bivoltine – both hybrid and seed crops. Her rearing capacity has been consistent with 1,000 dfls in five crops but her production improved and hence, her annual income rose to Rs.4.43 lakh. She received financial assistance under CDP for construction of rearing shed and purchase of planting material and rearing equipment. She has also received production incentive as well as support for mulberry garden maintenance. She has undergone one-month training on bivoltine sericulture.

“After taking up sericulture, my life style has improved significantly. I have constructed a new house, purchased a pick-up truck, cleared earlier debts, re-invested in sericulture and purchased essential household goods.”



Sector - Mulberry

Smt. Mary

W/o. Shri Peter, Matha Kovil Street,
Post Emtheripathri, Chittoor,
District Palakkad,
Kerala
Mob. 08547792724
Aged 32 years
Studied upto 10th Std.



Smt. Mary took up sericulture activities in 2006. She has planted V1 mulberry in 1.5 acres. She rears only bivoltine elite hybrids – 100 dfls per crop, and harvests 10 crops a year. With gradual increase in dfl consumption, her net income has increased to Rs.3 lakh during 2013-14. She has received assistance for purchase of planting material, equipment and construction of rearing shed under CDP. Besides, she also received support for cocoon production and garden maintenance under other schemes. She has undergone one-month training in sericulture.

“I constructed a new house with the income from sericulture, purchased household goods and also invested in sericultural activities. Sericulture helped to improve our life style, considerably.”

Kerala



Women Achievers in Sericulture - Rearer

Sector - Mulberry



Smt. Gangotri
W/o. Shri Santosh,
Village Kulamadi,
P.O. Jasalpur,
District Hoshangabad,
Madhya Pradesh
Mob. 09617035096
Aged 38 years
Studied upto 5th Std.

Smt. Gangotri took up sericulture activities in 1996. She has 1 acre of V1 variety mulberry plantation. She rears 150-200 dfls of double hybrid, CSR2 x CSR4 and PM x CSR2 per crop and takes 5 crops per year. During the year 2013-14, there has been a noticeable improvement in cocoon harvest and hence, a jump in the net income to Rs.1.2 lakh. She has received assistance of Rs.1.05 lakh for construction of rearing house and purchase of equipment.

“For me, sericulture has proved to be a boon in life. I was landless and it had been extremely difficult for me to manage livelihood from the daily wages which I could not get even on a regular basis. Now, I could clear my earlier debts, repair my house and ensure education for my children. I stand witness to the economic and social empowerment through sericulture.”



Sector - Mulberry

Smt. Ranjana

W/o. Shri Mangalram,
Ward No.16,
Pasi Mohalla, Malakhedi,
Hoshangabad,
Madhya Pradesh
Mob. 08817796749
Aged 37 years
Studied upto 9th Std.



Smt. Ranjana has been carrying out reeling for the past 13 years. She is maintaining a 10 basin reeling unit with 100 ends. By reeling 8 kg of cocoons per day, she is able to produce about 0.9 kg of silk. During the year 2013-14, she reeled 2,663 kg of cocoons that fetched her an income of Rs.68,737 from the activity. She has received CDP assistance for multi-end reeling machine.

“My journey from household worker to a silk reeler has been long and enduring. Today, I am self-employed in silk reeling which is providing me respectable income to meet my daily needs. I am also able to save for my future and foresee better days ahead.”